

GROVER'S GIFTS.

Each White House Employee Got a Big Fat Turkey.

The Children Had a Decorated Christmas Tree.

FAMILY ONLY THERE.

Penroyer Writes Cleveland a Christmas Letter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The president and the members of the cabinet celebrated Christmas in the old-fashioned way, making it essentially a family affair. At the White house it was genuine children's day, everything being given up to the pleasure of the little ones. There was a Christmas tree set in the library, the first that the Cleveland children have called their own, and Mrs. Cleveland herself aided the finishing touches to the tree, which, while not of great proportions, was very beautifully trimmed and decorated with tiny multi-colored electric lamps in place of the old-time wax candles. The gifts for the little ones were numerous and until noon express wagons and messengers came laden to the White house.

As usual, the president remembered all of the employees in the house. Every one got a fat turkey, and to his personal servants the president gave substantial gifts of money, an example which was followed by private Secretary Thorburn with his own household and attendants. Mrs. Cleveland also had a pretty little present for each of the employees. She herself received many Christmas presents, the president's tokens being very beautiful.

The only guest present at the White house was Mrs. Cleveland's mother, Mrs. Perrine, and the dinner was strictly limited to the family. Preceding it, however, there was a pretty little luncheon set out for the children of the cabinet, who came to the White house to see the Christmas tree.

PENROYER TO CLEVELAND.

The Oregon Governor Remembers the President with a Christmas Letter.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Governor Penroyer remembered President Cleveland by sending him the following letter:

"Christmas has again visited our stricken land with its prostrated industries and its idle throngs, willing but unable to work, and unwillingly forced to beg or suffer. Your paucity, a change in the Sherman law and the tariff, has been administered, but there is no change in the sad condition of the unfortunate country. After two years of ruinous delay and mismanagement you have, thank heaven, at last discovered the real trouble, although you have not proposed the proper remedy. As you now concede the country needs more money, but it does not want the worthless stuff you proffer. It needs gold and silver money with which to pay debts, and it does not want bank notes with which it can not pay debts.

"Your party in both houses favors the restoration of silver as standard money, the people actually suffering from the existing prostration of business favor it, and will you not stand with them in overturning the monometallic policy of the British moneyed oligarchy which is fast decaying our fair country to the condition of a subjugated province and our hitherto free people to a condition of financial serfdom? Always remember the unemployed multitudes all over our broad land. I pray that God may give you light and strength to do right."

The Sultan Declines.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—The sultan has made a final reply to the application of United States Minister Terrell for permission to have Consul Jewett make an independent inquiry into the Armenian troubles. The sultan has declined to allow the consul to accompany the commission.

Old Telegraph Operator Dead.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—Colonel Sol Palmer, one of the oldest telegraphers in the country, died here last night. Colonel Palmer at the time of his death, had been for about twenty years the superintendent of construction of the Western Union Telegraph company.

Blowing on Christmas.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 26.—Various points in the state along the northern border report a heavy snowfall last night. The farmers are very much in need of more late in the first time in years blowing in going on in Nebraska at Christmas.

Six Inches of Snow in Colorado.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 26.—A snow storm, which started at 9 o'clock last evening, still continues. All over Northern Colorado and Wyoming the snow lies from six inches to a foot deep.

Killed in a Flat Fight.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 26.—Edward Swisher and Edward Harrison engaged in a desperate fist encounter yesterday. Harrison, in falling, fractured his skull, and death soon resulted. Swisher was arrested.

Secret Police Not Abolished.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The czar has reduced the number of police charged with the duty of protecting his person, but he has not abolished the secret police, as rumored.

Famous Cliff House Is Burned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—At 8:20 o'clock last evening fire broke out in the Cliff house, a world famous resort and at 9:30 o'clock it was a mass of ruins. Loss \$25,000.

Nobby Suite

at Ekberg's, 716 Kansas avenue.

MISSOURI CONVICTS.

Consume Four Thousand Pounds of Turkey for Christmas Dinner.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—Four thousand pounds of turkey was what Warden James L. Pace of the Missouri penitentiary had to buy to give 2,300 convicts in his charge a Christmas dinner. Cranberry sauce, vegetables, cake, coffee, and in fact pretty much all that goes to make up a first-class meal was also served. The convicts, as usual, had the liberty of the yard. There was boxing, wrestling, foot ball, and all other athletic sports. Over in the female department, there was the customary dance, and the females danced to the energetic, if not rhythmic tunes of a convict orchestra.

Governor Stone, in pursuance of the long established custom of granting two pardons on each of the two holidays observed at the prison, presented David Cabbie and Perry Martin with their liberty.

Smoke from Mount Ranier.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—The Post-Intelligencer exploration party has fully confirmed the previous statement that smoke has ascended from the summit of Mount Ranier in the last two months, for the explorers are now camped on the side of the mountain over half way to the summit, and have actually seen great volumes of smoke and geyters of steam pouring from the crater. This news was brought by a homing pigeon.

Missouri State Extended.

MACON, Mo., Dec. 26.—The Missouri State Extended at Wilson's opera house, Beaver, yesterday was well attended by representatives of the Welsh singers of this and adjoining states, and many of other nationalities were present. Meetings were held morning, afternoon and night. A large number of prizes were awarded for excellence in singing, poetry and prose compositions.

Engaged in the Ghost Dance.

ROSEMUND, S. D., Dec. 26.—Big Turkey and High Shield, leading hostiles, who took an active part in the uprising of 1891 at Pine Ridge, yesterday declared in reply to numerous rumors that the Indians were engaged in the ghost dance and that it was the government's fault for not keeping its promises. They were quite peaceful, however, and said there would be no uprising.

Two Sticks Must Hang.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The president has refused the application for pardon in the case of the Indian, Cha Nope Huah, alias Two Sticks, who was convicted of murder in South Dakota on a sentence of hanging next Friday. The Indian, with his sons and another Indian, deliberately murdered four cowboys whose hospitality they were enjoying.

The Usual French Duel.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The duel between M. Jaures, the Socialist leader, and M. Barthou, minister of public works, growing out of the discussion in the chamber of deputies took place yesterday morning at St. Ouen-Sur-Seine. Dr. Barthou, as the challenged person, selected pistols as the weapons to be used. Two shots were exchanged with the result usually attending French duels, that is, nobody was hurt.

Y. M. C. A. Building Burned.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The upper portion of the handsome six story building of the Y. M. C. A. adjoining the famous Kenmore hotel, and located in the heart of the business district, on the corner of North Pearl and Stubbins streets, was gutted by fire last night. The total loss is \$60,000.

Wedding at Carlisle Indian School.

CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 26.—Dedason Wheelock, Indian director of the Indian school, and Louise LaChapelle, a Chippewa girl, were married at noon yesterday at Captain Pratt's residence. Rev. Dr. Norcross of the Presbyterian church officiating. Wheelock is a graduate of the school.

Shot Dead in a Ball Room.

EFFATA, Ind. Terr., Dec. 26.—J. H. Bennetfield, a farmer living at Brush Hill, a country post-office twelve miles north of Effata, was assassinated last night at a dance at that place. Bennetfield was on the floor dancing when an unknown man stepped to the door and fired one shot, which struck him, and he fell to the floor dead.

Perforated With Bullets.

MARSHALL, Mo., Dec. 26.—A serious shooting affray took place at Ne son, this county, yesterday, resulting from a family quarrel, when Charlie Ellis shot his father-in-law, Mr. Hami ten, on the platform at the depot there three times with a pistol. It is thought the wounds will prove fatal.

"Home Run Duffee" Is Dead.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 26.—Charles Edward Duffee, aged 78, died yesterday of consumption. He was well known as "Home Run Duffee" an ex-member of the St. Louis Browns, of the National League and the American Association, and also of the Washington club of the National League.

Killed by a Violent Cow.

NEWMAN'S GROVE, Neb., Dec. 26.—Yesterday morning Mrs. Carrie Moon went out to milk a fractious cow. As she did not return as soon as usual, her children went out and found her lying under the cow, dead, the cow having kicked and stamped her to death.

Suicide of a Boy.

LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 26.—At 9 o'clock last night Charles Moore, the 18-year-old son of a farmer in this vicinity, took his life by discharging the contents of a shotgun into his heart. The cause that prompted the youth to commit the act is not known.

Lumber Mills Destroyed.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 26.—A fire which started last night in the lumber yard of the J. R. Booth lumber yard was not got under control until 4 o'clock this morning. Damage, \$150,000.

SPAIN, WATCH OUT.

United States Ports May Be Closed to Her.

She Must Not Discriminate Against Our Products.

WILL SHUT OUT SUGAR

Such Action Would Keep Cuba's Sugar Away.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Interesting developments are expected at an early day as a result of the strained relations between the United States and Spain over the tariff. Spain has already placed the United States "in the first column" and Secretary Gresham has rejoined by directing Minister Taylor at Madrid to notify the Spanish government that if the United States is not removed from "the first column" this country will retaliate. In official circles it is not believed that Spain will yield to the protest of Secretary Gresham. In that event if the secretary carries out his threats of retaliation President Cleveland will issue a proclamation closing American ports to the products of Spain. The first effect of this will be to shut out the enormous shipments of raw sugar which Cuba makes to this country.

In official circles it is stated that Cuba furnishes seven-eighths of all the raw sugar used in American refineries. The other eighth comes from Louisiana and Hawaii, but it is said that it would be impossible to make up this seven-eighths now drawn from Cuba. It is asserted, therefore, by those in no way identified with or partial to the sugar refineries, that the retaliation would cut them off from their supplies and close them up, throwing 20,000 men out of work. The statement was made by a high official who has had much to do with the negotiations and who is very apprehensive of its results. He added that the ultimate effect of the warfare would be to advance the price of sugar from three to six cents per pound, thus making the public bear the burden.

In levying duties Spain arranges countries in two columns. The first column includes those who have not entered into satisfactory treaty arrangements with Spain, and the second column includes those who have. Brazil was the only country on the globe which Spain had put in this column, all other countries being in "the second column" which includes those having satisfactory treaties. The United States now joins Brazil in Spain's "first column" and thus stands apart from all other countries in the common benefits Spain grants.

The immediate effect of Spain's action has already proved disastrous to the American trade in flour and this trade has passed almost exclusively into the hands of Canada. Under the old reciprocity arrangement with Spain American flour was shipped to Cuba in great quantities. But when the United States tariff raised the duty on Cuban sugar, Spain responded by raising the duty on American flour. The first column duty on flour is \$4.75, while the "second column" is \$4. As Canada is in the second column she enjoys an advantage of seventy-five cents a barrel on flour and this has proved ample to allow Canada to wrest the Cuban flour trade away from the United States.

RACE WAR IS OVER.

Peace Has Been Restored in Brooks County, Georgia.

QUITMAN, Ga., Dec. 26.—The trouble in Brooks county is over. The Valdosta videttes were ordered here by the governor. Captain Cafferty, Lieutenants Staten and Peoples, D. Bass and Sheriff Tinsler at once visited the scene of the trouble. They found peace restored and the citizens assured them there would be no more trouble, and they came back to Quitman about 3 o'clock, and the videttes left on the afternoon train for Valdosta. The negroes were killed because they were supposed to know the whereabouts of Waverly Pike, whose crime was the original incentive to lawlessness. Good citizens of the county will do their utmost to bring to justice the men who are responsible for the trouble.

Big Fire at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—The building of the Mount Crutcher and Candy company, at Ninth and Santa Fe streets, was almost completely destroyed by fire, which started at 11 o'clock last night. There will be but little salvage on the stock and machinery. The total loss is estimated at \$75,000, with an insurance of eighty per cent of the value of the building and stock. The building is estimated to have been worth \$35,000, and the stock of goods \$40,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Steamer in Distress.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The United States weather observer at Point Reyes, about twenty-five miles north of San Francisco, reports that the steamer Columbia, which left San Francisco yesterday morning for Portland with a large list of passengers, is in distress. The steamer is drifting or sailing past Point Reyes, the observer could not tell which, on account of the darkness, and is blowing her whistle constantly.

Lord Randolph Stricken With Paralysis. LONDON, Dec. 26.—At noon yesterday Dr. Buzzard and Dr. Keith signed the following: "Lord Randolph Churchill is suffering from general paralysis. He lies in a semi-conscious and critical condition. The physicians add that the patient has not entirely lost the use of his lower limbs, but his weakness is extreme and his appetite is slight."

Leave Your Order

For a nobby suit with Olof Ekberg, 716 Kansas avenue.

HAWAII PEACEFUL.

No Fears Entertained of an Outbreak Among the Natives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—No concern or alarm is felt at the Hawaiian legation here from the reports of fresh plotting by the Royalists to overthrow the provisional government and restore Queen Liliuokalani. Mr. Hastings, the charge d'affaires of the legation, received a telegraphic report from his government via San Francisco, after the arrival of the Australia about ten days ago and the Arawa a week later, which say that everything is quiet. Mr. Hastings says the natives are peaceable and willing to accept the new government as it is, and have never been inflamed nor stirred up since its formation. He fears no danger from the band of men who are now reported as having designs against the government. He says there is but one full native born in the list, and asserts there is no fighting spirit in them. The result of any trouble they might precipitate would be needless bloodshed and then total defeat.

The department gives little credence to the rumors. It is pointed out that the arrest of the conspirators were made six days before the steamer sailed that brought the news. A week or two after the conspiracy had been discovered and the leading conspirators arrested is thought to be a poor time to begin a revolution. Hence the authorities would be on the alert and ready to nip anything of the kind in the bud. It is further said the leaders of the republic are resolute men and that they would never give up without a desperate fight, which the natives would be very unwilling to meet. The idea of British interference is scorned.

Secretary Gresham said last night that he had not read the story of the alleged conspiracy. "We have no advice of such a conspiracy," said he, "and none that would even tend to show the possibility of such a thing. I should be much surprised to hear of any successful conspiracy there." The secretary's manner left the impression that he put absolutely no credence in the alleged dispatch.

MAKES INDIANS PAUPERS.

The Present Plan of Feeding Them Has No Good Features.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—General complaint against the issuance of government rations to Indians is made in the annual reports of the agents.

Lieut. Mercer of the La Pointe (Wis.) agency officially characterizes the practice as a most potent factor in retarding the development of Indians, and Captain P. H. Ray of the Shoshone agency in Wyoming says: They will never become self supporting as long as the government gives them a semblance of a support; neither can they begin to accumulate property so long as the money now used for rations is devoted to payment of Indian labor.

The Shoshones are regarded as communists who are loth to take up any untired pursuit. Their agent recommends that the ration issue, except to the indigent and helpless, be gradually discontinued and the money now used for rations be devoted to payment of Indian labor.

A PASSENGER WRECKED.

Serious Accident Occurred Near Brentwood, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Train No. 1, Louisville and Nashville through passenger train to New Orleans, is reported wrecked near Brentwood, nine miles south of here. A wrecking train, with officials of the road, has gone to the scene and it is reported that the passenger train is burning.

A Mur at St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 26.—Yesterday afternoon William Mentzel went into Blum Bros' saloon and borrowed a revolver, saying that he wanted to "get a man." He was given a pistol and walked out on the street. A few moments later he met a young man named Frank Tracy and without a word, drew the pistol and shot the latter through the bowels. Tracy died in five minutes. Mentzel was locked up. He claims that he did not intend to shoot Tracy and says that it was an accident.

Greeting to Dr. McGlynn.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn celebrated solemn high mass at the Church of the Holy Cross on Forty-second street at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. It was the first occasion on which Father McGlynn had been the celebrant of high mass in a church in this city in eight years, and the immense congregation which gathered to greet him returned with augmented numbers seven ours later to hear his sermon.

Showered Them How to Play Football.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The Chicago university football team showed California how they played football in the East. The men from the world's fair city dalled with the experts from Stanford university and won as they pleased by a score of 24 to 0. Stanford was outplayed at every point of the game and only managed to score at all by a fluke.

To Compare American Goods.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The United States consul at Zurich has informed the department of state that a federal exposition will be opened in Geneva May 1 next, at which our producers and manufacturers may exhibit and thus give the Swiss people the opportunity to compare American goods with those of other countries.

Fire at Brownington, Mo.

CLINTON, Mo., Dec. 26.—Early this morning a serious fire occurred at the little village of Brownington, ten miles south of Clinton. Six of the business houses were burned, with their contents. The insurance was light. The total loss will amount to \$20,000. Only three or four of the business houses were left.

Rock Island Playing Cards.

No. 601 Kans. Ave.

HER CHOICE.

Carroll Trainor was to go to Mexico to make his fortune, and Lila Havens had promised to remain true to him till his return. When they parted, he decided to return to Baltimore at once and make arrangements to go to Mexico. Lila Havens went on alone to friends she was to visit at Sharpshurg.

"We expected you this morning," said her hostess.

"Yes, dear, but you see, I was unavoidably delayed. What a lovely day it has been!"

"And there is a telegram for you, Lila." "Really? Something aunt forgot to mention, I dare say. Excuse me." She broke it open carelessly. "Dear me!" She puckered her brow. "Only fancy! The admiral is coming down here tomorrow."

"This admiral appeared on the scene at noon the day following."

"My dear Lila," he said, "I must have a little talk with you."

"Yes, uncle."

"Lila, my dear—they were quite alone—I have had a proposal for your hand."

"But, uncle, I am but 18. Why should I marry for five or six years yet? I'll never be young but once—never!" she said pathetically. "And I am not a penniless creature that requires a home. I might be allowed to pick and choose."

"My dear," the old man looked suddenly grave and pale, "there is bad news you must make up your mind to meet it bravely."

Lila's face reflected some of the paleness of his own.

"Uncle—my—my money? Have I lost it?"

"There has been a terrible financial failure. I hardly know how to tell you. We only heard yesterday, and we don't know for sure as yet. I am afraid—Lila, you must bear up—I am afraid you have lost nearly all you had."

The girl leaned back in the chair. There was a stunned look in her face. She did not speak. The admiral went on speaking more rapidly.

"I can hardly blame myself. It was an undreamed of thing. Of course there is a little real estate left you. Heaven knows I wish it had been all in houses. Judge Mason!"

"Oh," the girl broke in suddenly, "he won't want it now—when he knows I am penniless!"

"My child, he came as soon as he knew it."

She went to her room and locked herself in. Then she wrote to Carroll Trainor:

"I am no longer rich. There is no use of an engagement now. I have lost everything. Perhaps you will be rich some day. Carroll. If so, you must come and find me."

But she said nothing of Hon. Thomas Mason.

Trainor felt grieved at the tone of the letter. He wrote back reproachfully. She had made a promise. Perhaps she sought to be released from it. If so, he would release her. In her place he would hardly have so written.

But, then, he was only a man.

The girl's soul sickened within her. A brief note from Trainor told her that he was just leaving for the gulf coast, where he would find a new home for Vera Cruz. He thought he would never return to the United States.

A great despair came over her. In her sensitive state she felt that he no longer cared for her.

She capitulated and consented to receive Judge Mason's address.

Three months had passed. The wedding was to take place the last week of June. Miss Havens was to become Mrs. Thomas Mason.

The wedding invitations were about to be sent out—the wedding day was fixed a fortnight hence. Miss Havens, out on a shopping errand, turned a street corner sharply and ran against some one. She looked up and grew pale. It was Carroll Trainor.

"You!" she said faintly.

"You didn't expect to see me? Lila, for heaven's sake, is that all? You are going to marry Judge Mason?"

She nodded with an effort. The idea of the marriage, to which she had become reconciled, but never enthusiastically disposed, suddenly seemed sickening. Her whole soul revolted.

"Carroll!" she gasped. "Oh, Carroll!"

"Escape! What do you mean? Isn't it your own choosing? Are you being forced into marrying the old widower?"

"I—I—oh, you seemed not to want me. And uncle and aunt seemed not to want me. No body seemed to want me except Judge Mason. He was very kind, but never have loved him. Carroll, if you had not deserted me!"

"I—deserted you! I've just returned from Mexico," said Trainor, "and I'm going back there at once. I've got a splendid chance to make money for a man to be by himself. The climate is like paradise."

The admiral and his good lady were at the breakfast table.

His morning mail lay before him. He took up the top letter of all and gazed severely at it. The handwriting was Lila's. The letter had been posted the night before. He opened it, read it in silence and passed it to his wife.

"Do not send the invitations," it said, "for I shall not marry Judge Mason. He is a good man and will understand it was a mistake. I love some one else and have gone away to marry him. We shall spend our honeymoon in a palm thatched hut in Mexico."

Mrs. Blair could not speak. After a moment's silence the admiral observed: "On the whole, I'm glad the marriage is off. The judge's daughter was greatly opposed. She might have made things unpleasant after a bit."

And still again, "She's a plucky little creature, Lila—is God bless her!"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

On Pike's Peak.

Serpent O'Keefe, who spent five years on Pike's peak in charge of the signal station, says that the lowest temperature he ever recorded was 80 degrees below zero and the highest 68 degrees above. The wind often blows with a velocity of 135 miles an hour.—St. Louis Republic.

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